

Fairhaven Police Presents: Halloween Safety Tips:

CHILDREN SHOULD:

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run
- Stay on Sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house
 - Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props
- (NO SIDEWALKS) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
 - Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
 - Approach only houses that are lit

PARENTS SHOULD:

- ◆ Make your child eat dinner before setting out
- ◆ Children should carry quarters so they can call home
- ◆ Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult
 - ◆ If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark
- ◆ If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material
- ◆ Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home
 - ◆ You should know where they're going
- ◆ Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything

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HOMEOWNERS:

- ✓ Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip young ones
- ✓ Battery powered jack o' lantern candles are preferable to a real flame
- ✓ If you use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing
- ✓ Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle

Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include sealed packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be micro-waved later.

Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers.

DRIVERS:

- Please drive slowly and carefully during the evening hours
- Adult Halloween party goers should have a designated driver